1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2007-08	833.50	867.90	1701.40	88.74	1790.14	1745.53
2008-09	742.14	1243.66	1985.80	43.77	2029.57	2128.90
TOTAL	3372.43	3109.64	6582.22	803.23	7385,45	7224.75

Usage of science and technology in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

3177. SHRI SABIR ALI:
SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of propagation, dissemination and usage of Science and Technology in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and

(b) the steps that are proposed to further strengthen and disseminate the Science and Technology in the two States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (b) The Department of Science and Technology has a specific plan scheme titled "Science and Technology Communication and Popularisation" with the objective to communicate Science and Technology and inculcate scientific temper among people across the country including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. In order to propagate, disseminate and use Science and Technology, various activities such as National Children's Science Congress; National Science Day; Science Exhibitions; Water Resource and Ecosystems Management; Women and Child-Health and Nutrition Programme; Motivational Programme for Talented School Students; Explaining science behind Miracle; Training Workshop on Disaster Management; Programme on Detection and Prevention of Food Adulteration; Appreciating Physics in Everyday Life; Year of Planet Earth and Audio-Video Programmes, Films, Activity Kits and Publications have been undertaken in all the States including the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. These activities are planned to be continued in future also.

Caste as a form of discrimination

3178. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether responding to the appeal by Dalit Groups, the United Nations Human Rights Commission (UNHRC) has proposed to recognize caste as a form of discrimination based on descent and birth;

(b) whether Nepal has hailed the UNHRC's proposal as worthy of adoption and has agreed to abide by UNHRC charter on case discrimination; and

(c) whether India is opposed to the internationalization of the caste issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT